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Title: Printer With Vacuum Platen Having Bimetallic Valve Sheet
Providing Selectable Active Area

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed February 7, 2002, please enter the following amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 11 and 19 are rewritten below. A marked up version of the amended claims is attached showing additions and deletions.

-- 11. (Amended) A vacuum hold-down device comprising:

a flat platen having an upper surface and a lower surface;

the platen defining an array of apertures each extending through the platen

from the upper surface to the lower surface;

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